

**AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT
OFFERED BY MR. PICKERING OF MISSISSIPPI**

Clarification of treatment

Page 46, after line 18, insert the following new paragraph:

1 “(3) CLARIFYING TREATMENT OF VOIP SERV-
2 ICE.—A telecommunications carrier may use inter-
3 connection, services, and network elements obtained
4 pursuant to sections 251 and 252 from an incum-
5 bent local exchange carrier (as such term is defined
6 in section 251(h)) to exchange VOIP service traffic
7 with such incumbent local exchange carrier regard-
8 less of the provider originating such VOIP service
9 traffic, including an affiliate of such telecommuni-
10 cations carrier.

Page 47, beginning on line 4, strike paragraph (1)
and insert the following:

11 “(1) FACILITIES-BASED VOIP SERVICE PRO-
12 VIDER.—The term ‘facilities-based VOIP service
13 provider’ means an entity that provides VOIP serv-
14 ice over a physical facility that terminates at the end
15 user’s location and which such entity or an affiliate



1 owns or over which such entity or affiliate has exclu-
2 sive use. An entity or affiliate shall be considered a
3 facilities-based VOIP service provider only in those
4 geographic areas where such terminating physical
5 facilities are located.”.

